[4th August 1965

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*. DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-30 p.m. to-day, the following further programme of business has been decided :—

August 5th	**Discussion on the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan.**
August 6th	1. Adoption of the Report of the Committee of Privileges. 2. Discussion on the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five-Year Plan (continued).
August 7th	Discussion on the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five-year Plan (last day).
August 8th (Sunday) ..	Holiday.
August 9th	1. Reply to the debate on the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan. 2. The Madras District Development Councils (Amendment) Bill, 1965. 3. The Madras City Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1965. 4. Any other Bills that may be passed by the Assembly.
August 10th	Non-official Business.
August 11th and 12th ..	Official Bills.

The Council will meet on the 13th August, if necessary. The Council will meet daily as usual from 3 to 6 p.m.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF THE LAND USED BY THE WEAVERS FOR WARPING AND SIZING IN MUTHUKAVUNDANPALAYAM VILLAGE, DHARAPURAM TALUK.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the forcible occupation of the land used by the weavers for warping and sizing in Muthukavundanpalayam village, Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district, by the other people of that village, who form the majority in the place and also forcible restrictions organised by the majority over the minority to which the weavers belong, which has resulted in their vacating their age old houses and properties and fleeing to other

places, which in turn has deprived them of their legitimate profession. I also wish to stress the failure on the part of the concerned authorities to protect the weavers and their rights in that village and the immediate and urgent need on the part of this Government to do the needful to see that the weavers do not any more suffer in the hands of the majority, and thus bring in an atmosphere wherein the weavers can come back to their village and carry on their normal work.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to make the following statement :

Muthukavundanpalayam is a hamlet of Nandavanampalayam of Dharapuram Taluk of Coimbatore District. There was rivalry between two groups of weavers in Muthugoundanpalayam regarding the use of the Common 'Pavadi' in the Village, by some of the weavers, resulting in one of the villagers erecting a bund across the 'Pavadi'. On intervention of the Government officials in 1962, the encroachment was removed and the matter was settled. The rivalry between the two parties got accentuated in November, 1964 prior to the Panchayat elections.

Strained feelings continued between the two parties resulting in a clash between the groups in May 1965 when eight persons sustained minor injuries and two persons sustained fracture of limbs. A criminal case under Sections 147, 323 and 435 of the Indian Penal Code is pending trial. Action under Section 107 Criminal Procedure Code has been taken against both the parties Police also have been posted permanently in the village. About 30 families of one group also left the village.

The Collector of Coimbatore met some of the emigrating families during one of his camps at Avanashi and advised them to return to the village. These families, however, for reasons of their own, have chosen to stay away from the village. The Collector would also shortly visit the village and try to settle the dispute.

In view of the pendency of the Criminal case, the Government not wish to give further details.

There has been no untoward incident after 23rd May 1965 and do not wish to give further details.

IV.—DISCUSSOIN ON THE STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD BUDGET FOR 1965-66—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Hon. Minister will now reply to the 3-30
debate on the Electricity Board Budget. p.m.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir. first of all, I wish to express my thanks to the members who have participated in the debate on the Electricity Board Budget and offered very useful suggestions for improving the administration of